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Title: METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR ASSEMBLING RAILINGS

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 43 pages, including 7 independent claim(s) and 65 claims total.
2. Drawings- 9 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-2, 3A-3C, 4A-4E, 5A-5B, 6A-6B, 7-9, and 10A-D).
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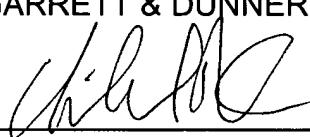
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